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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of pilots working in Indian Airlines and Air India have either tendered their resignation or sought voluntary retirement;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)and (b):- The number of pilots in Public Sector Airlines who have sought resignation/voluntary retirement during the current year is as follows:

(i) Air India 4

(ii) Air India Express 12

(iii) Indian Airlines 8

(iv) Alliance Air 29

However, Air India Express and Indian Airlines have not yet accepted the resignation of 12 pilots and 7 pilots respectively. The request for voluntary retirement of one pilot is under examination by Indian Airlines.

(c):- As a result of significant growth in aviation, there is a sudden spurt in the demand for pilots. Both Air India and Indian Airlines and their subsidiaries are maintaining close interaction with the pilots with a view to retain their services. Besides, some of the steps taken by the Public Sector Airlines on continuous basis in this regard are:-
(i) keep the emoluments at comparable levels vis-a-vis the established Indian carriers,
(ii) Offer higher level of job security,
(iii) Revision of Loss-of-license insurance and Insurance Coverage for pilots to provide them higher degree of security and
(iv) utilise services of pilots beyond the age of superannuation subject to the validity of their license.